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On 11 August 1950 six submarines of the Soviet Baltic Fleet arrived at Swatow and Amoy from Vladivostok. Plans for them include a visit to Whampoa in the near future.

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Comment. Source is not sure that the submarines are from the Baltic fleet but believes that a Soviet submarine patrol of the China coast probably exists. Source thinks that the submarines may have stopped in Swatow and Amoy to refuel or resupply.

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A news item from the China Mail on 18 August, datelined Taipei on 17 August, says that Nationalist intelligence sources report that the Soviets are building a submarine base at Yulin, Hainan, and that a Soviet submarine expert visited Hanoi (119-26, 25-59) two weeks ago.

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Comment. According to [REDACTED], from another source, six Soviet submarines were to arrive at Whampoa on 15 August to be turned over to the Chinese Communists for the Taiwan invasion. Possibly the information above has some connection with a report that six Soviet torpedo boats arrived in Tsingtao on 9 August.

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